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the "great disappointment" and the "terrifying primitives"

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We where scared you know?

Like, really scared. We where fucking trembling when the Iraxi fleet suddenly appeared inside luna's orbit.

Their ships are very intimidating, what with their thousands of laser turrets and fucking energy shields. They looked right out of a sci-fi apocalyptic film, and they could jump around our systems like a drunk rabbit.

Thats why we where flabbergasted when, after the Casaba net around earth fired, not a ship remained operational.

Do you know how scared we where of advanced aliens? We where prepared to fight against someone on par with us technologically, but more advanced? we had no idea what to expect. we certainly wherent expecting their ships to just crumble...

We where confident you know?

The humans where primitive.

There no two ways of getting around this.

They were still playng around with Alqubierre drives and orbital mechanics, not yet having discovered the gamechanging Dark matter core technology that enables the galactic council to have the reach and influence it had.

But the fact is, contrary to every other species, this was not a stopgap technology to wait for development of The Drive to finish, no.

They dreamed of the technology they achieved, and built their entire military around it.

You see, the Alqubierre drive is dependent on a warping of spactime to erect a bubble around itself so as to isolate the ship from the universe, enabling to achieve FTL by sheer wheight of the virtual particles towing this "bubble". It's a crude method that cannot work too close to a gravity well, so for in system travel good old sublight drives are necessary.

And the humans where masters of sublight warfare.

Where our ships resemble plates, to better distribute laser hits on our shields and to give maximum visibility for our turrets, theirs, without exception, where cones.

And whereas our ships relied on shields for protection against enemy fire, the Humans's ships where covered in reflecting whipple shields wrapped around ablative armor, defending both against hipervelocity kinetics and laser fire.

And their weaponry... I shudder at the memory.

After our defeat we where rescued by one of their ships, and i managed to convince a naive crewman to give my a tour of the ship. Here is the transcript:

Iraxi gunner: So, Human John, what weapon did you use to so completely destroy our fleet? I assume you have good cloaking tech on these ships of yours, as we did not see any ships nearby at the time.

Human ensign: Oh no, we don't have cloaking tech. hell, one of the first things they teach at academy is "there is not stealth in space"! No, that was simply the Casaba net in action.

Ig: Casaba net? what do you mean?

He: Well, I dont think i can disclose too much, but essentially its an orbit (the entire orbit, from equatorial to polar) just filled with Casaba Howitzers. You know, in case something nasty comes earth way.

Ig: I'm afraid i am not familiar with that weapon. how would a howitzer work at planetary distances?

He: I know right? I also assumed they where like the soilbound version. But no, they are pretty different.

Basically they are just 1 megaton nukes used to transform a couple tons of tungsten into a particle beam. What did you say your shields where rated for?

Ig: I... Never said that. Whatever. About 500 GJ. Above that not even a zero point generator can power one, and its not like there are more powerful lasers than that. its mostly the wear on the shield projector thats the limit. Why this question?

He: whelll... let's say that the energy inside a Casabas particle stream is a tiiny bit more than that. Like, if you consider it as a microsecond laser pulse (which you can as its instantaneous and mostly energy),

then you get... Oh, around 800 TJ.

Ig:... .. what?

He: Yeah! and it doesnt consume any power, since its powered by a nuke, and we have as many shots as we have nukes. Which by the way is A LOT, ever since we managed to get megaton fusion warhead without the fission starter we really went crazy for them. They are so useful! and the range is amazig you know? regular nukes are boring in space cuz they follow that pesky square cube law, so the effective range of even the most powerfull is less than 10 kilometers(basically knifefighting distance). but Casabas? Hell if you make one concentrated enough you can write on the moon with 100 meter craters from low earth orbit! (thats almost 1.4 light seconds)

Ig: What?

He: Yeah I know right? Its so cool, I am a huge nerd for nuclear devices. Anyway you are lucky that we wanted your ships mostly intact, or we would have used the Kiloton Boulders.

Ig: I dont know if i want to know what those are.

He: Oh you will like them. its basically the same concept, only that the tungsten bit is bigger and the nuke smaller and more distant. This means that instead of vaporizing the metal, it simply launches the whole 20 tons at 10 km/s! the usual result is that ships simply break in half, so its also called the Spinecrusher. Hey buddy are you alright? I dont think you are supposed to be that shade of purple...

At this point I fainted, so the recording stopped. They rushed me to my ships infirmary and here I wrote down this report.

Please. PLEASE. Do not retaliate. DO NOT ANGER THEM. THEY ARE NOT SANE.